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Baucus Schedules Hearing on Prescription Drugs

Hearing: Reimbursement and Access to Prescription Drugs Under Medicare Part B.

Date/Time: Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. Location: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Witness List

The Honorable Tom Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Washington, DC;

The Honorable Janet Rehnquist, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC;

Laura Dummit, Director, Health Care – Medicare Payment Issues, General Accounting Office, Washington, DC;

Larry Norton, President, American Society of Clinical Oncologists, New York, NY;

Ellen Stovall, Executive Director, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Silver Spring, MD.

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Written Statements: Any individuals or organizations wanting to present their views on these hearings to the Committee are urged to submit a typewritten, single-spaced, single-sided statement, not exceeding 10 pages in length, for inclusion in the hearing record. The date and subject of the hearing must appear on the first page of the statement. Three copies of the statement should be mailed to the Editorial Section, United States Senate, Committee on Finance, Washington, D.C. 20510. Two copies should be mailed to Kolan Davis, Minority Staff Director, United States Senate, Committee on Finance, 219 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Statements must be received no later than noon on Friday, March 21, 2002. Written statements must also be submitted on diskette in a format that can be read by personal computers (Wordperfect text is preferred; other formats will be accepted -- please identify format).